**REMARKS** 

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-15, 17 and 20-22 are pending in the application.

Claim 15 is amended above to correct the spelling of the term "optic fibre" to "optical

fibre".

Claim 17 is cancelled from the application above without prejudice.

The claim amendments summarized above are made to overcome the claim objections

raised by the examiner in the Final Rejection. No new matter is added to the application by

these claim amendments. Entry of these claim amendments is respectfully requested as they

reduce the number of outstanding issues on appeal.

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